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1. AT MAY 15, SPC MEETING, ACTING CHAIRMAN (KILLHAM) READ A MESSAGE FROM SYG REP ONAHG RAISING QUESTION OF WHETHER PARA A OF NAC GUIDANCE ON LEGAL AND PRACTICAL GUIDANCE OF COMMON CEILING (REF A) ESTABLISHED THAT ALL WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING U.S, WOULD BE WILLING TO REDUCE THEIR GROUND FORCES IN PHASE II. UK REP ON AHG HAD SEEN THIS IMPLICATION IN THE GUIDANCE.

2. ACTING CHAIRMAN STATED THE CHAIR'S VIEW THAT PARA A OF THE GUIDANCE DID NOT COMMIT THE U.S. TO PHASE II REDUCTIONS, AND DID NOT
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ALTER THE ALL PARTICIPANTS COMMITMENT. THE GUIDANCE ESSENTIALLY SAID THAT REDUCTIONS TO THE COMMON CEILING COULD INCLUDE REDUCTIONS BY ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. HE ASKED IF ANYONE DISAGREED WITH THIS VIEW. NO ONE DID.

3. FRG REP (HOYNCK) SAID HE WULD NOT WISH THE SPC AS SUCH TO MAKE AN INTERPRETATION OF NAC GUIDANCE FOR AHG. UK REP (BAILES) AND NETERRLANDS REP (MEESMAN) AGREED.

4. ACTING CHAIRMAN SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD SEND MESSAGE TO SYG REP ON AHG STATING IS VIEW, TO WHICH NO ONE ON SPC HAD DISSENTED, THAT THE GUIDANCE DID NOT COMMIT THE U.S. TO PHSE II REDUCTIONS AND DID NOT ALTER THE ALL PARTICIPANTS COMMITMENT.

5. COMMENT: NATO INTENT RE PARA OF THE GUIDANCE WAS STATED CORRECTLY BY ACTING CHAIRMAN, AND NO ONE HERE INTENDED PARA A AS AN INDICATION OF U.S. WILLINGNESS TO REDUCE IN PHASE II. MISSION WAS SURPRISED THAT IT WAS UK REP ON AHG (ROSE) WHO RAISED THE LATTER INTERPRETATION, SINCE PARA A WAS A UK PROPOSAL (PARA 3, REF C).

6. U.S. HAS NEVERFORMALLY STATED IN NATO ITS WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASE II REDUCTIONS. MISSION HAS INFORMED MOST ALLIES BILATERALLY OF THE CONTENTS OF PARA 3C, REF D. ALLIANCE HAS NEVER CONSIDERED GUIDANCE TO AHG ONU.SM REDUCTION IN PHASE II. THIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 3, REF D, WHICH STATED U.S. WISH TO DEFER WORK ON GUDDANCE TO AHG, AND WHICH STATED U.S. INTENTION TO SUBMIT A DETAILED PROPOSAL TO THE ALLIES AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.
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